



OVERSEAS TICKER

BERLIN

Main event in Berlin this month was the Khrushchev and Molotov visit to East Berlin and East Germany. Western newsmen were permitted to watch only three events in East Berlin and were barred completely from touring East Germany with the pair.

We were herded into buses several hours before each event began and covered it from roped-off areas under official Communist "guidance." We discovered the best way to cover the story was to stay behind and watch East German TV, which telecast most of the events.

Rarely in recent months have there been so many newsmen here. Covering the story, in addition to the Berlin regulars (*Seymour Topping*, AP; *Joe Fleming*, UP, *Harry Gilroy*, N.Y. Times; *Jerry Main*, INS; *John Rich*, new NBC correspondent; and *Gary Stindt*, NBC Newfilm chief for Central Europe) were *Brack Curry* and *Reinhold Ensz*, AP; *Peter Web*, new UP chief from Bonn; *Howard Handleman*, INS chief European correspondent who came directly from the London disarmament talks (he is based in Paris); *Meyer Handler*, N.Y. Times; *Gaston Coblenz*, N.Y. Herald Tribune; *Ernie Leiser*, CBS, *Larry Rue*, Chicago Tribune; *Ned Burks*, Baltimore Sun; *Bill Blair*, Newsweek; and *Ed Hughes*, Time.

Many British newsmen showed up. Among them were old Berlin hands *Anthony Terry*, Kemsley Papers; *Bill Hamshire*, Daily Express; *Kenneth Ames*,

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Club Calendar

Thurs., Sept. 12 — OPC Film Preview — "The Story of Mankind," based on book by Hendrik van Loon. Special dinner at OPC preceding preview (\$3.00). Reservations at OPC. (See story, p. 3)

Fri., Sept. 13 — Luncheon — Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus. Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Empire Room, 12:30 p.m. Reservations at OPC.

DULLES LIFTS U.S. BAN ON NEWSMEN IN CHINA; WHITE: MAY GO REGARDLESS OF EXCHANGE DEMAND



Tillman Durdin, N.Y. Times, (left) and John Roderick, AP, (right) are among newsmen in Hong Kong waiting to go into Red China.

(See statement by OPC President Cecil Brown on page 3.)

State Dep't. Press Secretary Lincoln White told *The Overseas Press Bulletin* Tuesday that American reporters may be able to enter Red China despite the announcement by the official Peiping *People's Daily* that U.S. newsmen should not be allowed into the country unless reciprocal rights are granted.

White's statement came after the Red Chinese called Secretary of State Dulles' action on Aug. 22, lifting the ban against U.S. newsmen visiting Red China, "completely unacceptable." The U.S. ban had been protested by the OPC by telegram to Dulles on Jan. 7 and by news-gathering organizations and other news groups. The Chinese newspaper charged that the long-fought decision ignored the principle of reciprocity.

"The Chinese newspaper's statement cannot be taken as final," White said, "and it should be noted that U.S. correspondents who have applied for Chinese visas in Hong Kong have not been refused."

"The newspaper's demand for reciprocal rights may be only a tactical maneuver to keep American reporters out of the country while the American students are visiting there. It must be remembered that the Red Chinese expect

to use the students for propaganda purposes and the entry of American reporters now might prove awkward."

White pointed out that Secretary Dulles' decision to grant twenty-four news organizations permission to send one reporter each to Red China for a seven-month trial period was not based on reciprocal rights. He said that the Department's announcement that Red Chinese reporters would not be allowed to come to the U.S. was made in order to obviate any claim for reciprocal rights.

Dulles' decision was made after a canvass of news organizations in the country which maintain at least one foreign correspondent abroad. Twenty-four replied they wished to send a U.S. correspondent to the Chinese mainland. The organizations, with correspondents

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MAKARIOS OPC WALDORF GUEST

Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus will make his first U.S. public appearance Sept. 13 when he is an OPC luncheon guest at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. He arrives from Greece Sept. 12.

To be held in the Empire Room at 12:30 p.m., the luncheon costs \$5.75 per member and \$7.00 per guest. Reservations may be made at the OPC.



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Daily Mail; Reginald Peck, *Daily Mirror*, George Vine, *News Chronicle*; and Gerry Long, Reuters. Gerhard Stindt

MEXICO CITY

Foreign correspondents in Mexico are gradually recovering from the earthquake which not only made headline stories but did physical damage to some newspaper offices.

Paul Kennedy, *N.Y. Times'* correspondent in Mexico, was in the States on home leave and learned a few days later that both his office and his apartment were so badly damaged in the tremor that they had to be vacated.

The *N.Y. Times'* office in the Eastern Airlines building, a relatively new structure, suffered shattered windows and cracked walls. The staff moved temporarily to a near-by building. Kennedy's apartment building was virtually condemned and his furniture was put in storage.

The UP offices came through well, but the 'quake tipped over teletypes and furniture. Milton Carr, head of UP's northern Latin American division, was in Nicaragua but the staff fell to and turned out a good running story. *Bob Benjamin* filed for the *N.Y. Times*.

The McGraw-Hill offices were severely damaged. Bureau chief *Jack Kearney* said they will leave the building.

The Foreign Correspondents' Ass'n. in Mexico had the new American Ambassador, Robert Hill, as luncheon guest at the Hotel Del Prado. Some sixty persons attended the function at which he made his first public appearance in Mexico. They found the successor to Bill O'Dwyer "charming and cooperative."

Time magazine's Dick Oulahan, whose offices in the new building on Paseo Reforma came through the 'quake

in good shape, has been hit by a flu bug - whether it's Asiatic has not been determined.

Jack Kearney has moved to a new house on Aida street in San Angel Inn suburb. The Kearneys have a new daughter, Maggin.

Betty Kirk hosted a luncheon party in her Pedregal home for *John Wilhelm*, head of McGraw-Hill World News, when he visited Mexico to finish a new book on the country. His sister, *Marion Wilhelm*, correspondent in Mexico for the *Christian Science Monitor* and other papers, returned from a month's vacation in the States to find she had missed the earthquake story.

Robert Prescott, former UP bureau chief in Mexico City, joined Ford Int'l. in a public relations job. He is temporarily assigned to the Ford operation in Mexico, but expects to be in Detroit and then permanently assigned to the New York offices. He and his wife, Ingrid, and two daughters will make the move to New York sometime in the fall. Prescott is a former president of the Foreign Correspondents' Ass'n. in Mexico.

PARIS

Sex in Sweden and an exclusive interview with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer were the recent preoccupations of *Look's* European editor *Ed Korry*, based here. He will leave for the States in mid-September for a six-weeks' tour of the country with his family.

Therese Bonney, author of the photographic document, *Europe's Children*, is giving much work to her "Friendship Chain," a program to give GIs an opportunity to meet and understand the people of Europe. She's doing an outstanding job of bettering relations between France and the U.S.

Harold Callender, *N.Y. Times* Paris bureau chief, vacationed in the garden of his new home in Andresy, outside Paris. *Henry Giniger*, *N.Y. Times*, is back from Ascona, Lago Maggiore, Switz-

erland vacation. *Giniger's* piece on Algeria appeared in *Occident* (*Western World*). *N.Y. Timesmen* Robert C. Doty and William S. Blair are holding the fort prior to vacations.

Eric Hawkins, *N.Y. Herald Tribune* European Edition Managing Editor, will holiday in the winter; *Frank Kelley*, chief Paris correspondent, was in Austria; *Willet Weeks, Jr.*, director was in Germany on business.

Paul Ghali, *Chicago Daily News*, back from a story in Switzerland; *Bill Stoneman*, chief European correspondent based here, will go on home leave in the next month - he's been traveling in Austria, Hungary and Germany.

Thomas A. Dozer, *Time-Life*, back from two weeks in Spain, is holding down the skeleton force in the Paris office. Bureau chief *Frank White* will return from the U.S. early next month.

William J. Coughlin, McGraw-Hill World News London bureau chief, flew here for a short visit. He motors to Moscow soon with family, photographer and required Intourist guide. He practiced vodka degustation at a party at the *Bob Farrells'*, McGraw-Hill World News, on the Quai Voltaire. Also attending were *Angus Deming*, UP, *Julia Edwards*, and *Col. Robert V. Shinn*, deputy chief of Public Information at SHAPE, who is back from "busman's holiday" in Bonn.

Julia couldn't get permission to drive to Moscow to cover the Youth Festival for NANA, flew instead and wandered all the way to Tiflis. She is returning to the U.S. after eighteen months' absence with several stories in process.

Geoffrey Parsons, chief of NATO's Information Division, resigned to take a post with a California aircraft company.

Waverly Root worked steadily on his Atlantic Features through the summer. He plans to vacation in Formentera, in the Balearics, in September. Partner *Ed Taylor* is back from a vacation in Switzerland. *Ed* and *Cy Sulzberger* are among newsmen who have written on harassment of the French and Algerian press, a situation which was deplored by the International Press Institute in Zurich. *Bernard S. Redmont*

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whom they have chosen for the assignment to date, are as follows:

ABC - Robert Fleming, Washington bureau; AP - John Roderick, Hong Kong (covered China and war in Indochina); Baltimore Sun - no selection; Chicago Daily News - Keyes Beech, based in Far East since 1947; Chicago Tribune - Chesly Manly, has toured much of Far East.

Christian Science Monitor - Gordon Walker, Tokyo, has been in Far East since 1943; CBS - no selection; Copley News Service - no selection; Fairchild Publications - no selection; INS - Marvin Stone, Far Eastern Manager, Tokyo; McGraw-Hill World News - no selection.

Minneapolis Star and Tribune - George Grim, columnist; MBS - no selection; NBC - James Robinson, chief of Tokyo bureau; Newspaper Enterprise Ass'n. - Fred Sparks, foreign correspondent for N.Y. World-Telegram and Sun and the Scripps-Howard Newspapers; Newsweek - Robert S. Elegant, chief of New Delhi bureau.

N.Y. Herald Tribune - A.T. Steele, correspondent in Far East; N.Y. Times - Tillman Durdin, Hong Kong, has covered China and other major Far Eastern areas for more than twenty-five years; Reader's Digest - James A. Michener, author; Saturday Evening Post - Demaree Bess, to be sent some time later; Scripps-Howard Newspapers - Fred Sparks; Time - no selection; UP - no selection; U.S. News & World Report - Robert P. Martin, regional editor in Tokyo.

(In a press conference Tuesday during which Dulles elucidated on his Aug. 22 announcement, the Secretary said that the U.S. would "consider on its merits" any entry application by Chinese Communist newspaper men. His statement was a reversal of the stand taken in the announcement lifting the ban on visits of U.S. newsmen to Red China, although he emphasized the principle that the Chinese would gain no right of reciprocity if American newspaper men visited Communist China.)

PEOPLE & PLACES...

Barry J. Holloway is in Europe working on a film series. His wife Jane will complete a series of stories in Ireland they'll return next month... Author-historian Merrill Denison and Lisa Andrews, formerly with Time and Life, were married.

Hal Lehrman is back in his Brewster, N.Y., hideaway after a summer lecture tour... Jack L. Begon, former NBC Rome bureau manager, news director and commentator, has rejoined the network as staff associate for their radio show "Life and the World," produced with

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PRESIDENT BROWN'S STATEMENT ON NEWSMEN IN CHINA

(Following is the statement made by Cecil Brown, president of the OPC, following announcement by the U.S. State Dep't. on Aug. 22 that twenty-four U.S. newsmen had permission to go to Communist China.)

A basic tenet of the Overseas Press Club is to pursue, with vigor and devotion, the unceasing battle for freedom of the press.

The Overseas Press Club-maintained - and said so on numerous occasions - that this principle of expression, communication and information was abused and undermined by the ban, imposed by Secretary of State Dulles and supported by President Eisenhower, on American reporters going to Communist China for journalistic purposes.

It is a tribute to the vigor and alertness of American media of communication that Secretary Dulles has modified his attitude on the right of the American people to have access to on-the-spot reporting in Communist China by American reporters.

That twenty-four American newsmen will be permitted under passport regulations to report on events in Red China is a victory for the right of the American people to know. But it is only a partial victory.

An essential of a free press in a free nation is the freedom for reporters to go, insofar as our government is concerned, where they wish or where the boss sends them. This essential remains scarred while the State Department limits the number of American reporters who may go to Red China and fixes a trial period for their stay there. The compromise with principle may have been essential for us to reach this stage; the principle, however, still remains to be retained.

To have an American passport validated for travel to Communist China for journalistic purposes is not the same as having permission of the Red Chinese government to enter that country. That is a burden of bamboo-curtain mentality Peiping has to resolve for itself.

What is significant and notable is that the United States government is no longer in the odious position of erecting a paper curtain around the eyes, ears and mind of the American people about events in China.

If the Peiping government chooses to renege on invitations or dilly-dally with evasions, that will demonstrate their fear of information, not ours.

On one point, both the American people and the Red Chinese government may rest assured: If and when American newsmen are permitted to operate in Communist China, they will do their utmost to send back informed, perceptive and essential reports.

The confidence that this would be so, as well as the basic right of the American people to know, in order to make life and death decisions, impelled the Overseas Press Club to urge the lifting of the ban on American correspondents going to Communist China.

Cecil Brown
President

FILM PREVIEW PROGRAM SET UP BY SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

A winter program of special previews of outstanding films for OPC members is planned by the Special Events Committee, chairman Joe Peters announces. The showings will be preceded by "preview dinners" at the OPC with door prizes.

The first film preview, "The Story of Mankind," based on a book by Hendrik van Loon and produced by Warner Brothers, is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, at 8:30 p.m. Reservations are

available at the OPC. Attendance is limited and free tickets will be distributed to members on a "first come first served" basis.

Tickets for the preview dinner, at which door prizes will be given, will cost \$3.00 per person.

TIMES NEWS

Harrison Salisbury left the N.Y. Times city staff for temporary assignment in Central Europe. He is filling in in Poland and Yugoslavia while Sydney Gruson and Elie Abel vacation.

Bill Jorden, Times' Moscow head, vacationed in Martha's Vineyard with his family.

CROSBY DEAD

Willard B. Crosby, copy editor of the N.Y. Times, died in New York August 24 of cancer. He had been with the Times since 1952. He was an associate editor of Collier's in charge of articles from 1949 to 1952.

COMPLETE MENUS AVAILABLE

Complete luncheon and dinner menus, including hot meals and cold buffet choices, are available to members in the bar and the fourth floor dining rooms.

Lunch is served in the bar and dining rooms from noon until 2:00 p.m.; dinner from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the fourth floor dining rooms and from 8:00 p.m. to midnight in the bar.

newsman's nightmare

NEWS COVERAGE IN FRENCH NORTH AFRICA MAN-SIZED JOB

By Sanford Griffith

The author is a former Berlin and Rome correspondent for the N.Y. Herald and London bureau manager and correspondent of the Wall Street Journal and the Dow Jones publications. He has served as consultant for several foreign governments and national organizations, mainly on minority and border problems. At present the director of the African Study Center of the New School of Social Research, he was first OPC vice president and trustee of the Correspondents Fund.

If awards were accorded correspondents who achieve coverage in the widest and most complex areas, several would qualify in French North Africa. Covering Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco is somewhat comparable to covering Washington, Cuba, and Haiti. The distance from Tunisia to Morocco's Atlantic coast is about that of from Washington to Kansas City, but only two or three planes a week service the capitals of the three North African countries as compared with twenty or thirty a day here.

Wartime conditions bring added complications. In old conventional wars, correspondents went out on schedule to a well-established front. But in Algerian guerilla warfare the front can be anywhere and the violence anytime. It can be in town or on the top of a remote mountain. You may be out in the field looking for rebel activities, led by the Front of National Liberation, while back in Algiers a bomb is going off in your own front yard.

Despite the daily reports of bombings and shootings, physical danger to a correspondent in this kind of war, contrary to popular notions, is probably less than navigating a car in New York City traffic. The major occupational hazards for a correspondent covering North Africa are fatigue and frustration.

Attempting to cover news on both sides presents delicate relations hazardous to the correspondent. Americans in North Africa usually have to keep in contact with French of the metropole, with the Algerian French, and Moslem leaders who are often at odds among themselves. Arriving from one side and expressing opinions about the activities of the other arouses special resentment. It may be assumed that the correspondent is more friendly to the other side. This is perfect procedure for losing friends on both sides.

Agencies and Stringers

Few American and still fewer Euro-

pean papers keep permanent full-time correspondents in North Africa. Most papers depend entirely on the agencies. The agencies in turn depend mainly on local stringers, usually reporters working for the local papers.

Some of the local newsmen in Algeria are capable but as hatreds increase, are less and less able to give a balanced coverage. The local man must take into account not only official restrictions but also pronounced local prejudices. Today he reports almost exclusively the French side of the case.

The local Algerian press is filled with minute gruesome accounts of the latest Moslem violence. No effort is made to report Moslem opinions or the Moslem side of the conflict. Local reporters who try to give a balanced picture run the risk of losing their jobs. Of necessity, their coverage for the American papers must also be onesided.

Each belligerent tells Americans that if only Washington followed the

right line, the hostilities would cease. It is only a step further to add that it is our fault that the hostilities continue. Furthermore, every American visiting Africa is suspected of being an oil company agent with a blueprint for a concession in his pocket.

Thin and slanted coverage is offset in part by visits of American correspondents coming mainly from Paris. In addition are also several top syndicated correspondents who try to cover major events in half-a-dozen or so countries.

A knowledge of the personalities involved is particularly essential. We are inclined to assume that top leaders in North Africa act along definable lines and follow a rational course. But often there is no plan and much that happens can be charged against individual and collective impulses and folly. It is often difficult for people on the spot to untangle the threads behind some of the conflicts. It is much more so for people

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Interviewing a widow, survivor of the Casbah Mechta massacre near Meloussa, Algeria (left) Tom Brady, N.Y. Times; (right) the Tunisian editor who reported the massacre to the Arab world. Author Griffith is center, in white shirt.

OPC TO HAVE REDECORATED DINING ROOM



Above is sketch of OPC dining room at completion of its present redesigning and redecoration. The new dining room, scheduled for a grand opening sometime in October, is to have a special entrance area, with walls of oysterwhite vinyl material; the carpets a thick gold, and chairs of red and green. The two side portions of the room will be partially cherry-pannelled, the remainder of the walls to be covered in a soft green vinyl material. The carpets in these areas will be of gold and white tweed acrilan. Chairs will be upholstered in olive green and sharp red. A small waiting arrangement and service bar will be placed in front of the fireplace in the front area of the room. New seating arrangements allow for a normal capacity of 114 diners. An entirely new lighting arrangement throughout the room is being installed. New luncheon, dinner and supper menus will go into effect when the room is completed.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

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Life magazine.

Joe Fromm, U.S. News & World Report London bureau, in Washington...San Francisco Press Club's Ted Huggins, retired Standard Oil of Calif. PR, opened his own firm in S.F.'s Ferry Bldg.

Eugene Lyons authored "Khrushchev: Killer in the Kremlin" in Sept. Reader's Digest...NBC News' Tokyo correspondent Jim Robinson on a swing through Southeast Asia, primarily to cover Malaya's Independence Day...Dickson and Pat Hartwell in Mexico on special assignments...Mary Gene and Burt Evans had a baby girl...Catherine Gavin on a fact-finding trip in Mexico.

Marty and Edith Luray on leaves of absence from ABC News and NBC News respectively for extended European free-lance tour...Albert S. Keshen in

Ontario on assignments...Stan Rich arrives about Sept. 2 in Hong Kong as McGraw-Hill correspondent...B. Mathieu Roos in San Francisco after SAS Polar Flight from Copenhagen.

Life Paris correspondent Milton Orshefsky became the father of a daughter Aug. 22...Sorry Eibenstein, Life researcher in Bonn, married to Denis Fodor, Time correspondent in Bonn...Lecturer Dick Thomas has left on his annual 'round-the-world fact-finding trip.

Roy Duffus, former PR for G.M. Basford Co., now vice-president of J.M. Hickerson of New York and Des Moines, handling advertising and PR...Percy Noel made Washington correspondent of the now national Show Business, a Leo Shull paper...Victor Boesen has a piece in September Coronet, "John Searles Magic Lake —" filled with chemicals worth twice the take from Comstock Lode.

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N. Y. Times I. G. Y. Staff Covers Earth

(How the staff of the N.Y. Times will cover the International Geophysical Year, begun on July 1, was told in the August issue of house publication, Times Talk. It is abstracted here with permission of the Times.)

The I.G.Y. program is scheduled to continue for eighteen months. During that year and a half, specialists from sixty-four nations will combine their talents, energies and resources in a dramatic assault on the secrets that lie inside, and above, the earth. It will be the greatest scientific team effort the world has ever known. *Times* men will be assigned to so-called "moon-watches," to reports on aurora phenomena, to bathysphere plunges into ocean depths, to the long-heralded launching of the first earth satellite.

An exclusive *Times* story by Walter Sullivan three years ago, in the summer of 1954, made public the first detailed account of plans for I.G.Y. Sully, then on home leave from his Berlin post, had proposed that the *Times* sponsor a series of intercontinental flights over the unexplored Antarctica interior. He was told to work up plans. During a visit to Washington to discuss the practicability of the idea he learned that the U.S. Navy, in preparation for an International Geophysical Year, already had outlined such a venture. Sullivan scrapped his own plans at that point and went into the Antarctic for two months with the Navy. A former wartime Naval officer, himself, he was the only newspaper man aboard. Little over a year later — after finishing his tour of duty in Berlin and writing a book on the Antarctic — he headed again toward the South Pole on a second Government-sponsored exploratory I.G.Y. expedition.

When he got back to New York in March, this year, Sullivan was assigned by the *Times* to plan and coordinate the newspaper's 1957-58 I.G.Y. coverage. Geographically, it is one of the biggest stories the *Times* has ever covered. News on I.G.Y. experiments will flow into the office from far-away points in wildernesses where the only communication is by radio or fast aircraft. Sullivan's job is to keep track of every I.G.Y. move, to keep abreast of the plans of each of the sixty-four participating nations, to recommend what should be covered. The national news desk will handle all I.G.Y. copy for the daily paper, regardless of point of origin. Sullivan will work with national news editor Ray O'Neill and his assistant, Harold Faber; he will consult with Sunday Editor Lester Markel on possible Magazine and Review stories. Last January the Magazine carried a piece by the noted scientist, L.V. Berkner, that outlined the basic purposes of the I.G.Y. and explained

what the experiments are expected to produce. Within the past weeks the Magazine has run two articles on specific aspects of the I.G.Y. program. Other stories are planned.

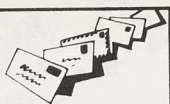
I.G.Y. assignments will take *Times* men into earth's polar extremes — into steaming tropics and into the frigid polar regions. It will take them out to sea and to remote mountain heights. Although correspondents all over the world will be called upon for various stories as new experiments develop, the brunt of I.G.Y. coverage will fall mainly upon half a dozen men, specialists in the scientific fields involved.

In the New York Office, science reporters Bob Plumb and Harold Schmeck will, in addition to their other duties, cover I.G.Y. news of local origin. They, and Sullivan, will make periodic visits to centers in North America for special stories. Dick Witkin, aviation reporter, will cover I.G.Y. rocket experiments. In Washington, John Finney will keep in touch with the U.S. National Committee headquarters. He will watch progress in the rocket and satellite programs, and keep an eye on other Washington institutions supporting American I.G.Y. projects at home and abroad. In Europe, John Hillaby, science man in London, will be responsible for news out of International I.G.Y. headquarters in Uccle in Belgium, and will be available for assignments anywhere else on the Continent. Science Editor William L. Lawrence will appraise I.G.Y. progress for the editorial page and do special pieces for the Sunday science column.

Already, in the few weeks that have passed since the first experiments were launched, *Times* men have flown to remote outposts on their first I.G.Y. assignments. Sullivan, whose preliminary I.G.Y. work took him into the South Polar region, flew last month to within the Arctic Circle. This assignment took him to Point Barrow in Alaska and to McCall Glacier, near the summit of the northernmost range of this continent. He found the area teeming with stories all tied in with the I.G.Y. program; came back with notes and pictures for a whole series of pieces on tides, ice flow and other surface and subsurface manifestations.

Dick Witkin's first I.G.Y. job took him out of heat-stricken New York last month for the welcome cold at Fort Churchill in the Hudson Bay region in northern Canada. There he wrote a first-hand account of the initial experimental rocket launching, part of a project intended to study the space gremlins that distort and snarl up routine radio broadcasts. He wrote the story on the spot, then flew home again to resume his regular stint until his next I.G.Y. chores come up.

LETTERS



Dear Editor,

On a visit to Los Angeles last week, I stopped in at the beautiful Los Angeles Press Club to discover that our enterprising brethren have a full line of Press Club liquor available to them at more than twenty per cent discount: Early Times Bourbon at \$4.29 a fifth; Hudson Bay Scotch at \$5.39; Gordon's Gin at \$3.90 and Vodka at \$3.25, all bottled under Press Club labels.

How about it, OPC? *David Safer*
New York

COMMITTEES



BUDGET

A. Wilfred May, acting chairman, reports "a Budget 'Box Score' covering results for the first four months of the fiscal year (April 1 to July 31) show operating income up to expectations. On the other hand, certain operating expenditures were larger than anticipated and will require pruning. Practically all committees are thus far within pro-rated budgetary allocations.

"Cost figures are being compiled by the Treasurer's office for forwarding to committee chairmen to aid them in fulfilling their undertaking to maintain a self-liquidating basis."

Report was made to the Board of Governors August 26.

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Bill Safire, chairman, reports the appointment of Lillian Pierson to the committee.

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NEWSMAN'S NIGHTMARE

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away from the scene who are given only slanted fragments by the two belligerents.

As a typical case take the so-called massacre of Melousa in Algeria. Actually the massacre did not take place at Melousa but at Casbah Mechta on the top of a small mountain some twelve miles away. The facts, briefly, were: a Moslem band kidnapped some 300 Moslem men and boys, drove them up to a mountain retreat, and the following morning shot some and cut the throats of the others.

It was an operation of Moslems against Moslems. This was made clear by all survivors but even those of us who arrived on the scene and interviewed them could not determine precisely who the instigators were and what could have been their motivation. We established, however, that there were no French in the immediate area, and definitely no Europeans participating in the massacre.

But before facts were available, the F.L.N. came out with the assertion that this was a French atrocity, and have stuck to this accusation since. Both belligerents were inclined to exaggerate and to slant the stories they gave the outside world. Foreign correspondents who arrived late on the scene were by then inclined to distrust both sides, and came up with their own surmises, also vague.

As presented by the F.L.N. spokesman the massacre was purportedly engineered by the French. They pointed out the French delay in reporting it to the outside world and that nearby French troops failed to get to the mountain top in time to prevent it. When it became evident that no French had participated in the massacre the F.L.N. came up with the labored explanation that a local Moslem band (Harkas) did the throat cutting under French army direction. This was specious reasoning but most Arabs accepted it uncritically.

French Muff Coverage

There was an air of unreality about the way the French handled the Melousa episode. In the five days that elapsed before foreign correspondents were flown in from Paris the survivors had told their stories so many times that some sounded like phonograph records. The French did try to dramatize the gathering of natives from adjoining villages who had come to appeal for protection. But this was late and irrelevant. The facts were that Moslems had been murdered by Moslems, and that survivors from the environs had come to the French for protection.

On the heels of the Melousa massacre came the bombing of the Casino in Algiers where numerous young French people were killed or lost an arm or a

leg. This was followed in Algiers by French demonstrations and rioting against Moslems. Unless lucky with his timing, an American correspondent coming down from Paris might have found that he had failed to get close to the stories. This is how his diary might have read: "Unavoidably arrived five days after the massacre. It was too late to pick up newsworthy details. Then the helicopter that was to take us to the top of the mountain where the massacre took place ran short of gas and could not make the ascent to the Casbah. This knocked out an eye witness mail story."

So our correspondent returned to Paris. Two days later came the violent Algiers riots. Only the local French stringer was there to cover them, and he was bound to give them an excessively French slant. The outburst of French mob violence could not be reported by French stringers with adequate emphasis on the deplorable French disregard for law and order. Thus the score of the American correspondent, with bad luck in timing, might have been about zero. This is why too, American correspondents in North Africa deserve special recognition for their coverage.

Dickey Chapelle back from a month behind rebel lines in Algeria; she did articles for Spadea and free-lance photographs...

Eugene J. Taylor, N.Y. Times, in Guatemala making preliminary arrangements for a Caribbean Conference on Rehabilitation in November by the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples...

Horst Buchholz, AP World Desk, and wife Eva, on Virgin Islands (St. Thomas) vacation...

Sept. 7 issue of *Saturday Evening Post*, carries profile of the new West German G.I. by *Norbert Muhlen*...

Roger Bowman, NBC, substituting for *Ben Grauer* as moderator of the "Discussion" program; Grauer is vacationing in Majorca...

Cecile Kuchuk, Pix Inc., in Europe for a month...

Lee Pitt, Los Angeles Mirror-News aviation editor, took a 1,000 m.p.h. dive over California in a F-100F Super Sabre (two-seat jet), joined North American Aviation's Mach Busters Club... *Wilfred Funk's* "Let's Outlaw Grammar" in tomorrow's *American Weekly*; the 1,880,062nd copy of his book, *30 Days to a More Powerful Vocabulary*, is off the press.

Bradley Smith editing the American Society of Magazine Photographer's monthly pictorial magazine, *Infinity*.

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